IN THE CLAIMS

 (Currently Amended) A method in a data processing system having a program for a server to handle one or more client requests, the method comprising the steps of:

obtaining one or more of said client requests for hierarchically organized data at a server; dividing said client requests into one or more smaller units, each of said smaller units being a transaction request serviceable by one of a plurality of worker threads, each of said smaller units including an envelope having a beginning tag and an ending tag that are recognizable by the respective worker threads:

placing said smaller units in a queue; and

servicing said units in order, the worker threads stopping service of a respective smaller unit upon encountering an ending tag.

- 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said client requests are in XML format.
- (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 4. (Canceled)
 - 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said server is a registry server.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.
- (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said <u>smaller</u> units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML </envelope>tag.
 - 8. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising:
- a computer usable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein configured to cause a server to handle one or more client requests comprising:

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to obtain one or more of said client requests for hierarchically organized data at a server;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to divide said client requests into one or more smaller units, each of said smaller units being a transaction request serviceable by one of a plurality of worker threads, each of said smaller units including an envelope having a beginning tag and an ending tag that are recognizable by the respective worker threads;

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to place said smaller units in a queue; and

computer readable code configured to cause a computer to service said units in order, the worker threads stopping service of a respective smaller unit upon encountering an ending tag.

- (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said client requests are in XML format.
- (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 11. (Canceled)
- (Original) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said server is a registry server.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein said smaller units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML <envelope> tag.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A server framework in a computer system comprising: a memory for storing one or more client requests for hierarchically organized data from a server; a thread pool object configured to divide said requests into one or more smaller units,

each of said smaller units being a transaction request serviceable by one of a plurality of worker threads, each of said smaller units including an envelope having a beginning tag and an ending tag that are recognizable by the respective worker threads; placing said smaller units in a queue; and one or more worker objects configured to service said units in order, the worker threads stopping service of a respective smaller unit upon encountering an ending tag.

- (Original) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said client requests are in XML format
- (Original) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 18. (Canceled)
 - 19. (Original) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said server is a registry server.
- (Previously Presented) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The server framework of claim 15 wherein said <u>smaller</u> units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML </envelope>tag.
 - 22. (Currently Amended) A system for implementing a server framework comprising: a processor; and
 - a memory including:
- one or more requests for hierarchically organized data transmitted from a client to a server:
- a thread pool object configured to divide said requests into one or more smaller units, each of said smaller units being a transaction request serviceable by one of a plurality of worker objects, each of said smaller units including an envelope having a beginning tag and an ending tag that are recognizable by the respective worker objects;

a queue in which said smaller units are placed; and

one or more worker objects configured to service said units in order.

placing said smaller units in a queue; and

servicing said units in order, the worker objects stopping service of a respective smaller unit upon encountering an ending tag.

- 23. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said requests are in XML format.
- (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said hierarchically organized data is stored using a Document Object Model.
 - 25. (Canceled)
 - 26. (Original) The system of claim 22 wherein said server is a registry server.
- 27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22 wherein said queue is handled using a FIFO scheduling algorithm.
- 28. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 22 wherein said <u>smaller</u> units are defined by an XML <envelope> and an XML </envelope>tag.
 - 29-35. (Canceled)
- 36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and units from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.
- 37. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 8 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and units from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.

- 38. (Previously Presented) The server framework of claim 15 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and units from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.
- 39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 22 wherein a plurality of client requests are received and units from the plurality of client requests are placed in the same queue.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 36 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker thread services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.
- 41. (Previously Presented) The computer program product of claim 37 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker thread services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The server framework of claim 38 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker thread services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 39 wherein the plurality of client requests are received through a plurality of sockets, and wherein the worker object services units received through at least two of the plurality of sockets.